



# Newsletter

## CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

*Hello to you all. This is my first newsletter and I must say it is indeed an honour to be Chairman of Three Counties and South Wales Area. Although at the moment the mornings are cold and wet, Spring is on the way and it will be lovely to see the bright yellow blooms of the daffodils waving in the wind.*

*For us flower arrangers, there's some exciting events to look forward to, beginning with National Flower Arranging day on the first Friday in May. Then there's our Area Day on the 31st May. The title is 'Buttons and Bows' which is appropriate as it is to be held at Haberdashers School, Monmouth. There will be competitions, a speaker and a demonstration in the afternoon – so please support this event. I would like to wish Sue Walton and her team who are organising the day, all the very best for Area Day 2024.*

*Moving on to President's day, which will be held at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, Llandeilo, on Saturday, 7th September, there will be a speaker in the morning and a demonstration in the afternoon. I also would like to wish Madam President, Trish Ducker, all the very best with her President's Day. Please support this event too.*

*Just a short Chairman's Welcome this time. Always remember flowers are fun and it is a lovely way to meet old friends and make new ones through the love of flowers. Happy New Year to you all.*

*Best wishes, Adrian, Area Chairman*

## FRIDAY FLOWER FIX

With many Areas reporting club closures, we are delighted to welcome a brand new flower club to the Three Counties & South Wales Area.

**FRIDAY FLOWER FIX** is an online workshop club which will meet, via ZOOM, on the second Friday of alternate month's starting on **FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY** with a demonstration by the talented FRANCINE THOMAS from New Zealand.

Each meeting will see a guest demonstrator create a design/s on screen. Members can then arrange their own materials (from an 'ingredient sheet' circulated ahead of the meeting) and designs can be shared online.

Membership costs £50/year.

**For more information please contact KATH LEE**  
**fridayflowerfix@gmail.com**



THREE COUNTIES & SOUTH WALES AREA OF NAFAS

Spring Council Meeting

FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY, 2pm via ZOOM

To receive login details, agenda etc please email Emily : [3cswarea@gmail.com](mailto:3cswarea@gmail.com)





Following a break last year, a brand new **HORTICULTURE VILLAGE** is being staged at the year's Royal Welsh Show.

The advance Horticulture schedule is now available! **CLICK HERE**

# THE FLOWER ARRANGER MAGAZINE

The Spring edition of The Flower Arranger is now available.

Look out for stunning designs arranged by our members - Chrissie Harten, Daphne Furneaux & Louise Furneaux.

If you do not already subscribe, please contact CHRIS LYNCH 07794 934091 or the NAFAS website **CLICK HERE**



**JDSE WORKSHOPS 2024**  
at The Larruperz Centre,  
Ross-on-Wye  
**'INSPIRED BY...'**  
**Saturday 22nd June**  
led by National Teacher &  
Demonstrator James Burnside



**'LOOKING BACK - MOVING FORWARD'**  
**Saturday 26th October**

A workshop based on the new Competitions Manual & looking at Steam Punk - led by Valerie Best.



Further details available from  
Daphne Furneaux  
daphnefurneaux@gmail.com  
Tel: 01792 390754



**CLICK HERE for the 2024 RHS MALVERN SPRING FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

## Pre-National Assessments & National Demonstrators' Test

Will take place on  
**Wednesday 30 October 2024**  
(Pre-National Assessments)  
and  
**Thursday 31 October 2024**  
(National Test)  
At Frodsham Community Centre  
Fluin Lane, Frodsham  
Cheshire, WA6 7QN  
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Please put the dates in your diary.  
We are looking for Area Demonstrators with 2 years' experience who are keen to step up.  
Apply now – see you in Frodsham!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES

## NAFAS Teachers Conference

Where innovation meets inspiration

**5-7th July 2024**

Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 6RN

FLORAL DESIGN WITH EXCELLENCE

Registered Charity No. 1101548

If you have a passion for teaching, this conference is your gateway to a world of inspiration and professional growth. Secure your spot today and embark on a journey of teaching excellence!

**WHY ATTEND?**

- Explore transformative teaching techniques
- Learn about plant identification
- Network with like-minded educators
- Understand how to assess learners work
- Elevate your classroom strategies
- Enjoy a presentation on wiring techniques
- Collaborate and share best practices
- Introduction to teaching & teacher training

**COST**

£350 per person based on two people sharing a twin room. £399 for a single room. Full board.

**BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

Contact Layla Hill  
at NAFAS Head Office  
Email: layla@nafas.org.uk  
Tel: 020 7247 5567

The NAFAS National Education Committee are looking forward to welcoming Area and National Teachers for this very special weekend.

[www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES

**Residential weekend event for NAFAS members**

## Highland Fling

**Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel, Clydebank, Glasgow**  
**Friday 26th – Sunday 28th July 2024**

**Enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship and flowers**

- Arrive Friday afternoon
- Traders/retail therapy
- Tombola & raffle
- Friday evening – three-course meal and entertainment
- Saturday breakfast & lunch
- Speakers
- Superb demonstration
- Saturday Gala Dinner and entertainment
- Sunday morning – breakfast and Speaker
- Close of Conference by NAFAS National Chairman

**Cost** £350 for a single room or £300 per person based on two people sharing

**To register your interest and reserve places**

Please provide your name, contact details and number of places to  
Email: [events@nafas.org.uk](mailto:events@nafas.org.uk)  
Tel: 020 7247 5567

A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN AID OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES  
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AREA DAY 2024

# BUTTONS & BOWS

Friday 31st MAY 2024

Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls

Hereford Rd, Monmouth NP25 5XT

SPEAKER—IRENE MANSON  
'ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE'

DEMONSTRATION  
ELIZABETH GORDON &  
EMILY BROOMHEAD  
'THE FLORAL HABERDASHER'

TICKETS £25

Non-refundable tickets available from Catherine Jones  
catherineajones58@gmail.com Telephone 07810 141956

THREE COUNTIES & SOUTH WALES AREA OF NAFAS

Charity Registration No. 517110 Registered in England and Wales

## AREA DAY 2024 - 'BUTTONS & BOWS - Friday 31st May

Please join us for Area Day 2024 at the impressive building, Monmouth School for Girls, with it's newly added Theatre and Recital Room.

Doors open at 9.30am where you will be welcomed in the Dining Hall with coffee & Biscuits, where you will also find trade stalls offering a variety of interesting items. Raffle tickets will be on sale for some wonderful prizes.

Later in the morning, in the Theatre we have Irene Manson giving an interesting talk 'One Two, Buckle my Shoe'.

In the Dining Hall at lunch time, there is a two-course spring lunch including tea or coffee for £15.00 (tickets to be purchased in advance). Dietary needs can be catered for if notified beforehand. Alternatively, your own lunch can also be taken in the Dining Hall where tea and coffee can be purchased. If however, you prefer to venture into town, Monmouth has a large variety of eateries.

During the lunch period, Competitions in the Recital room, can be viewed following judging in the morning session. Why not enter yourself, the Competition Schedule is based on Haberdashery and offers different classes with lots of inspiration. Staging takes place on Thursday 30th May.

Following lunch, we have a Demonstration by the very talented Elizabeth Gordon & Emily Broomhead, their title 'The Floral Haberdasher'. They will provide us with a very entertaining afternoon, followed by our second raffle of the day, you may be lucky to take one of their beautiful designs home with you.

### BUTTONS AND BOWS.

CLASS 1. "THE HABERDASHERY". (CLUB CLASS).  
An exhibit to be staged on a wooden floor, by 1 or 2 people.  
Space 122cm wide x 122 cm depth, height unlimited.  
To be viewed and judged from the front.  
COMPETITORS TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN BASE.

CLASS 2. "THE GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE"  
A free-standing exhibit to be staged on a wooden floor.  
Spaced allowed 122cm x 122 cm, circular space with height unlimited.  
To be viewed and judged all around.  
COMPETITORS TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN BASE.

CLASS 3. "NO MORE KNITTING".  
A contemporary exhibit to incorporate wool.  
To be staged on tabling covered with black fabric.\*  
Space allowed 76cm wide x 60 cm deep, height optional, table height 74cm  
To be viewed and judged from the front.

Class 4. "PATCHWORK". (Novice).  
This means anyone who has not won a 1st prize at any Area Competitions.  
An exhibit to include fresh and/or dried plant material and accessories.  
To be staged on tabling covered with black fabric, table height 74cm.\*  
Space allowed 50cm wide x 50cm deep, height optional.  
To be viewed and judged from the front.

CLASS 5. "LA BOITE A COUTURE". (A CRAFT EXHIBIT).  
To be staged on tabling covered in black fabric.\*  
Space allowed 50cm wide x 50cm deep, height unlimited, table height 74cm.  
May be brought already assembled.  
To be judged and viewed from the front.

CLASS 6. "THE SEWING ROOM". (STILL LIFE EXHIBIT).  
To be staged on tabling covered with black fabric.\*  
Space allowed 60cm wide x 60cm depth, height optional, table height 74cm.  
To be judged and viewed from the front.



CLASS 7. "A PIN CUSHION". (A PETITE EXHIBIT).  
To be staged on tabling covered with black fabric.\*  
Space allowed 25cm wide x 25cm deep, height 37.5cm, table height 74cm.  
May be brought already assembled.  
To be judged and viewed from the front.

CLASS 8. "1948".  
A FOAM FREE exhibit inspired by the film PALE FACE.  
To be staged on tabling covered in black fabric.\*  
Space allowed 76cm wide x 60cm depth, height unlimited, table height 74cm.  
To be judged and viewed from the front.

CLASS 9. "A MARY JANE SHOE" (JUNIOR CLASS).  
An exhibit to be displayed on a shoe box max 30cm wide x 30cm deep on tabling covered with black fabric, table height 74cm.\*  
May be brought assembled.  
To be judged and viewed from the front.

\*Walls and flooring are wood.

NB. Please note that until all entry forms are in we cannot complete an exact plan of classes. Therefore backgrounds may be wood panelling or centre of room.

AREA DAY 2024

# BUTTONS & BOWS

Friday 31st MAY 2024

Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls

Hereford Rd, Monmouth NP25 5XT

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

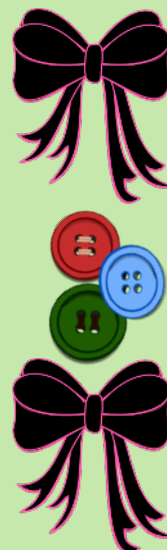
JUDGES—JUDITH TAYLOR & ANN TRIGG

COMPETITION SECRETARIES

Meryl Evans & Sue Fernandez

Entries to:

Meryl Evans, Myrtle Cottage, School Lane  
Penperleni, Monmouthshire NP4 0AH  
Email : meryl123@btinternet.com



# A Piece from the President

Christmas. Of course, being talented flower arrangers, our homes were beautifully decorated for Christmas. Inspired by the demonstrations in our clubs (National or our own talented Area demonstrators) or encouraged by our class teachers or following instructions in *The Flower Arranger* we duly decorated every nook and cranny....didn't we? I have to own up to getting boxes out of the attic, titivating a garland and wreath (made by my Mum in.....goodness knows when); then recreating the same style of arrangements as last year. But, my one luxury item for every Christmas are stems of Amaryllis. This year, a beautiful snow white, watching each perfect flower come out in turn was an absolute pleasure. And, definitely better than all of the goodies I over-indulged in. Now, they are over the boxes have been returned to the attic and it's into the garden to discover that hellebores are raising their flower heads, primulas are already flowering (but, how did that seedling manage to get roots down in a patio?). Time to trim without harming the shrubs we'll be needing for classes (thank you teachers), demonstrations (the bucket to help out), flower festivals (how did we get involved in those?).

So, looking forward to spring and summer with Area Day in Monmouth - late spring or early summer? 'Buttons and Bows' sounds intriguing and another fabulous day for the Area members to show off their talents in the competitions and to meet up with friends.

Presidents Day in September, that's why I've got to be very careful pruning this year and as I told Coral Gardner who is the afternoon Demonstrator, I will be riding shotgun over my late hostas and bergenias so that I can present her with some beautiful, 'designer hole' free large leaves.

President's Day, September 7th, in Llandeilo, a super venue in Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, late summer the start of autumn in a beautiful part of our Area. The morning's speaker is Simone Squire, followed by Coral in the afternoon. Tickets are £25 and will be available after the February zoom meeting. I will be sending each club chairman an invitation and details in due course. And I look forward to meeting as many of the Area members and their friends as possible.

*Trish Ducker, Area President*



**National Show 2025**

**Venue: Gloucester Cathedral**

**Date: Friday 19th & Saturday 20th September 2025**

*It was so good in 2023 that we decided to do it all over again!*

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to **CHARLTON KINGS FLOWER CLUB** who celebrate their 50th Anniversary in January.

**SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY** celebrate 55 years in February.

In March **WINTERBOURNE FLOWER CLUB** celebrate 60 years and **NAILSWORTH & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY** celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations to all!

